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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: APPREHENSION OF SOVIET CITIZENS IN FRONT OF EMBASSY

REF: (A) STATE 044707, (B) MOSCOW 2763

1. BENJAMIN FAYN, JEWIST ACTIVIST WHO WAS ARRESTED IN FRONT OF EMBASSY FEBRUARY 28, TELEPHONED EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION MORNING MARCH 1 TO INFORM US THAT HE HAS BEEN RELEASED. HE GAVE NO DETAILS OVER TELEPHONE BUT REQUESTED TO MEET WITH CONSOFF AGAIN. CONSOFF GAVE NO COMMITMENT, FAYN SAID HE WOULD PHONE AGAIN AFTERNOON OF MARCH 1.

2. UPI CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH GALLOWAY ALSO TELEPHONED MORNING MARCH 1 TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY FAYN'S COMPANION, WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS IOSIF BEGUN, RE INCIDENT REPORTED REF B. FAYN AND BEGUN WERE REPORTEDLY HELD FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS AFTER THEIR APPREHENSION, BUT WERE THEN RELEASED. NEITHER GALLOWAY NOR CONSOFF MENTIONED MATERIAL ON CSCE VIOLATIONS WHICH FAYN AND BEGUN MAY HAVE BEEN CARRYING.

3. IN RESPONSE TO GALLOWAY'S QUESTION, CONSOFF CONFIRMED
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THAT INCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE PER PARA 2A REF A, AND THAT EMBASSY REGISTERING PROTEST AT FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS AFTERNOON.

4. FAYN AND BEGUN WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY CONTACT OTHER WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS SO THAT EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RECEIVE PRESS INQUIRIES. WE WILL FOLLOW

PRESS GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF A.

5. IF FAYN PHONES AGAIN TODAY WE WILL SAY THAT CONSOFF
WILL RECEIVE HIM AND ASK HIM TO TELEPHONE ON MARCH 2
TO CONFIRM TIMING OF VISIT.
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